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HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, Rittenhouse Square, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

The Church of The Holy Trinity is located at 19th and Rittenhouse Square in the heart of downtown Philadelphia. The church is a stone structure in good condition, seating 802 persons in the nave of the church and 381 persons in the balcony for a total of approximately 1,183 persons. The parish house attached to the church, is also a stone structure in fair condition. Holy Trinity Church does not own a rectory but provided apartments in the area for its clergy. The replacement value of Holy Trinity Church is estimated at $1,316,000.00 and some $1,179,900.00 is carried in insurance. It is estimated that the replacement value of the parish house is $236,500.00 and this building is insured for $220,500.00.

THE CHURCH NEIGHBORHOOD

The neighborhood around Holy Trinity is interesting because it contains several distinct types: downtown commercial, light industrial, apartment dwellings, rooming houses, single-home dwellings, and military uses. For the purpose of our Study several downtown census tracts have been arbitrarily selected as the Parish Area served by Holy Trinity Church. Within this area, in the 1960 census report, there were 23,554 persons, and of this number 3,998 were non-white persons making up 17.0% of the population. This is a most interesting section of the city because they are very few young people below the age of 14 years living in this area. In Census Tract 8-D, in which Holy Trinity Church is located, only 5.2% of the population was 14 years of age and under while some 22.2% was 65 years of age and over. The median age, which may

be observed more carefully in the following chart, was well above the median age for Greater Metropolitan Philadelphia but reflects the median age which is expected in most inner-city areas.

CENSUS TRACT	POPULATION 1950	1960	% CHANGE	% 14 & UNDER	% 65 & OVER	% NON-WHITE
8-D	NA	5,191		5.2	22.2	1.1
C	NA	2,432		2.9	0.2	0.9
7-C	NA	9,860		13.9	12.8	32.9
8-B	NA	3,240		4.7	13.9	4.4
27-A	3,989	2,831	-29.0	5.5	19.1	18.7
TOTAL		23,554				17.0

CENSUS TRACT	NON-WHITE POPULATION 1950	1960	% CHANGE	RESIDENCE 1955 SAME AS 1960 %
8-D	NA	57		47.3
C	NA	23		55.7
7-C	NA	3,247		48.8
8-B	NA	142		40.2
27-A	660	529	-19.8	25.6
TOTAL		3,998		

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CENSUS TRACT	ED. OF ADULTS 25 YRS. OF AGE & OVER % H.S. GRAD.	% COLL. 1-3 YRS.	% COLL. GRAD	MED AGE M	F
8-D	31.5	15.8	25.1	50.5	52.9
C	37.2	13.7	16.7	53.9	51.1
7-C	21.3	13.5	21.8	39.4	42.6
8-B	22.0	11.0	11.3	47.7	44.2
27-A	13.9	8.1	19.0	25.4	27.7

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In 1960 there were 23,554 persons in this parish area, and of this number 947 were members of the Episcopal Church, making up 4.0% of the total population. Of the 947 Episcopalians 318 were members of Holy Trinity Church, making up 33.6% of the Episcopalians and 52.4% of the parish membership. This is an interesting statistic (52.4%) because it indicates that Holy Trinity has been able to identify itself with its community area. Inner-city churches more often than not, do not have such a high percentage of membership living in their neighborhoods.

Information on churches and schools is found in the attached Self-Study but it should be noted that the Parish Area served by Holy Trinity Church is also served by four other Episcopal congregations.

CENSUS TRACT	TOTAL POP.	TOTAL EPIS.	% OF POP. EPIS.	TOTAL PARISH MEMB.	% EPIS. MEMB.	% PARISH MEMB.
8-D	5,191	357	6.9	176	49.3	29.0
C	2,432	117	4.8	41	35.0	6.8
7-C	9,860	321	3.3	91	28.3	15.0
8-B	3,240	85	2.6	8	9.4	1.3
27-A	2,831	67	2.4	2	3.0	0.3
TOTAL	23,554	947	4.0	318	33.6	52.4

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THE CHURCH PROGRAM

When one considers the church we usually think in terms of the family and family units. Once again Trinity Church is different because there are 141 families making up the membership of Trinity Church and some 342 individuals not in families. This is explained in part by the number of persons in the membership that have lost their life partner. At the time of our Study there were 605 baptized members and 610 communicants. Because of the age pattern of the population in general there was no church school but the parish had been able to develop a very significant program of adult education ranging from seminars to Bible Study programs and Lenten Discussion Groups. Holy Trinity Church ranges far beyond its neighborhood and the Greater Metropolitan Area in a regular radio broadcast of services.

On the average Sunday the total of persons who attend all services is 358, making up almost 60% of the total reported membership. It is sometimes difficult to determine what percentage of church members is participating in inner-city churches because of the frequency of visitors. Organizations serving Holy Trinity are: the Women of Holy Trinity (Day and Evening Groups), Trinity Club, and Vestry.

A total of $64,620.00 was pledged during the year of our Study, $5,257.00 was received from plate offerings, and $38,513.00 was received from endowments.

Holy Trinity Church has a program of lay calling on the sick with approximately ten of its members participating actively. The parish utilizes an extensive program of publicity and promotion through the newspapers, a radio program,

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and weekly mailings. The clergy of Holy Trinity are actively involved in community affairs and the facilities of Holy Trinity Church are frequently made available for community gatherings.

When future policy, program, and budget were considered an additional clergyman was suggested as a personnel need, along with the need that more careful attention be paid to janitorial care of the building. Looking toward the future the committee felt that a complete renovation and upgrading of the present church and parish house was necessary.

The major problem facing the congregation, as seen by the Local Study Group, was related to the age structure which limits some of the programs they might be expected to conduct, sush as church school.

GENERAL DIVISION OF RESEARCH AND FIELD STUDY
Episcopal Church Center
815 Second Avenue
New York, N. Y. 10017

Date September, 1964

CHURCH SELF-STUDY FORM

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I. IDENTIFICATION

Church The Church of the Holy Trinity

Street 19th & Rittenhouse Square

City Philadelphia

County Philadelphia

Diocese Pennsylvania

Parish or Mission Parish

State Pennsylvania

What geographic area does this church serve? _____

II. THE CHURCH NEIGHBORHOOD

A. The church is located in a section of the city which is occupied by:

Downtown commercial uses X Light Industrial uses X Apartment dwellings X

Rooming houses X Single-home dwellings X A college ___ Military uses X Other institutions ___

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B. If more than one type is checked above, please clarify:

C. Is the church neighborhood changing in any way? Describe:

Constant changes during the past fifty years.

D. The following schools are located within the church neighborhood:

PUBLIC GRADE SCHOOLS	ADDRESS

E. The following churches are located within the church neighborhood:

NAME OF CHURCH AND DENOMINATION	ADDRESS
First Presbyterian Church in Phila.	21st and Walnut Sts.
Tenth Presbyterian Church	17th and Spruce Sts.
Saint Mark's Episcopal	1625 Locust St.
Trinity Memorial (Episcopal)	22nd and Spruce Sts.
St. Clement's (Episcopal)	2013 Appletree Sts.
First Baptist Church	17th and Sansom Sts.
First Unitarian Church	21st and Chestnut Sts.
St. Patrick's Roman Catholic	242 S. 20th St.
Ethical Society	1906 S. Rittenhouse Sq.
Holy Communion Lutheran	Chestnut Above 21st St.
St. Philip's Episcopal	1925 Lombard St.
Theosophists	1917 Walnut St.

IV. THE LOCAL CONGREGATION

A. Church properties:

1. Describe and give location of all land owned by the congregation, reporting the use of each parcel.

Site of Church and Parish House - 164' on Walnut St. and 88' on W. Rittenhouse Square. Site at Holiday House, rest camp, in Sellersville, Pa. - 9 acres.

2. Type of church building: Frame ___ Brick ___ Stone X Other ___ (type)

Describe the church building, giving number of sittings; condition of building; and improvements needed, with estimated cost:

Sittings - main floor - 802

Balcony - 381

Total - 1183

Condition of building - good; outside walls recent pointed. No major improvements needed.

Replacement Value $ 1,316,000. Amount of insurance carried $ $1,179,900.

3. Type of parish hall or house: Attached X Separated ___;

In basement of the church ___; Frame ___ Brick ___

Stone X Other ___ (type)

Describe, giving the number of rooms, the condition of the building, and improvements needed, with the estimated cost.

Basement - meeting room and kitchen

Main floor - meeting room and kitchen, office, powder room

Second floor - office and 2 meeting rooms

Third floor - two apartments

Condition of building - fair

No major improvements needed.

Replacement value $ 236,500. Amount of insurance carried $ 220,500.

4. Type of rectory or clergy house: Attached _____ Separated X ;

Frame _____ Brick _____ Stone _____ Other _____
(type)

Describe, giving the number of rooms, the condition of this building, and improvements needed, with estimated cost.

Apartments.

Is it used as a clergy residence? _____ If not, what use is made of the building?

Replacement value: $_____ Insurance carried: $_____

5. Describe all other buildings owned or used by the congregation, giving (a) type of construction; (b) number of rooms; (c) condition; (d) improvements needed and estimated cost; (e) replacement value; (f) amount of insurance carried; and (g) present use.

B. Membership (secure from parish records):

1. Number of church families: Total number 141

   Number of individuals not in families 342

2.

Baptized membership			Communicants			Church School		
1950	1960	Now	1950	1960	Now	1950	1960	Now
	651	665		640			17	

3.

Number of baptized members who were	5 yrs. ago	4 yrs. ago	3 yrs. ago	2 yrs. ago	Last year
removed from the parish list					
added to the parish list					

4. Communicants added:

	5 yrs. ago	4 yrs. ago	3 yrs. ago	2 yrs. ago	Last year
By confirmation from Episcopal families					
By confirmation from other Churches	11	11			
By reception from other Churches		1			
By baptism and confirmation from no church					
Total	11	12			

5. Attendance:

   Number of communicants who attended regularly last year _____

   Number of communicants who attended occasionally _____

   Number who did not attend last year, but lived in the community _____

   Number of communicants who did not live in the community, but were on the parish records, not transferred _____

6. How many persons attended the last annual business meeting? 135

V. WORSHIP

A. List schedule of regular Sunday services, including church school:

TYPE OF SERVICE	HOUR	ATTENDANCE (Adults & Children)* LOW	AVERAGE	HIGH
Holy Communion	8 a.m.	15	18	31
Morning Prayer	11 a.m.	154	275	414
First Sunday each month- Holy Communion	11 a.m.	170	295	672
Evening Prayer	8 p.m.	40	65	110

*Use figures from Church Service Register

B. Weekday services:

TYPE OF SERVICE	DAY AND HOUR	ATTENDANCE* LOW	AVERAGE	HIGH
Holy Communion	7 a.m.	7	12	14
Thursday	12:15 p.m.	3	20	35

*Use figures from the Church Service Register

C. Special services or missions held during the average year (including Lent):

All Prayer Book Holy Days - Holy Communion - 12:15 p.m. (noon)

Litany - twice a year

Good Friday - Three Hour Service

Ash Wednesday

Maundy Thursday -

Also during Lent - Holy Communion every Tuesday at 12:15; Wednesday at 5:30; Evening Prayer every Tuesday and Thursday at 5:30 p.m.

D. Number and nature of services in which this congregation participates with other Episcopal congregations. State average attendance from this congregation:

United Service of South Philadelphia Convocation

Three United Services with First Baptist and First Presbyterian Churches

A service with St. Phillips

E. What experiments or adjustments have been made in changing the hours or the format of services? Comment on results:

From Wednesday to Thursday - 7 a.m. Holy Communion Service

Have omitted early service of Holy Communion on Prayer Book Holy Days.

F. Additional information about Sunday services:

1. **Are birthdays, anniversaries, and the departed regularly remembered?** At request
2. **Is there a coffee or hospitality hour after any service?** All services except H.C. service on 1st Sunday
3. **Is baby care provided during any service?** No

E. Confirmation Instruction

N.A 1. Children

a. What is the usual age of confirmation? _____ b. How many instruction sessions are held? _____ c. How long is each session? _____ d. Who is the instructor? _____ e. What material is used? _____

f. What is the relationship of the confirmation class material to the regular church school curriculum? _____

_____

2. Adults

a. How many sessions are held? 10 b. How long is each session? 1½-2 hurs. c. Who is the instructor? Either Rector or Associate Rector d. What material is used? Various material.

F. Adult Education

1. List the general adult education program in the congregation, including Bible classes, parents' classes, discussion groups, etc.

NAME OF GROUP	NUMBER OF MEMBERS	NUMBER OF MEETINGS	LENGTH OF MEETINGS	INSTRUCTOR
Various adult seminars - (Sunday morning sessions devoted to study of various religions)	20 to 30 attend each week	Every Sunday	1 hr.	The Rector
Always one seminar held one evening each week		One evening each week	2 hrs.	The Associate Rector
Bible study every Thursday Morning and Tuesday afternoons during Lent.	35 each week (Lent) 14 " " (Thursdays) "		1½ Hr. - 45 min. - 1 hr.	Rector - Associate Rector
During Lent-speaker and discussion group Thursday evenings.	86		2 hrs.	Various

2. What Retreats, missions, Quiet Days, etc., have the members participated in during the last two years? Estimate the total number of participants.

2 retreats and quiet times for Trinity Club - about 40 each time.

3. What leader- and participant-training programs have been held in the last two years, such as the Indiana Plan, Parish Life Conferences, Missions, and Institutes? Estimate the total number of participants.

Laymens' Dept. 2 For the Rector - Urban Conference, Washington,D.C. and New Haven, Conn.

G. How can the Christian education program of this congregation be strengthened?

By broadening the base and having more members of the congregation attend.

VII. SUMMARY OF ORGANIZATIONS - Include, where applicable, vestry or bishop's committee, parish council, choirs, guilds, circles, ushers, acolytes (for men as well as boys), college work, etc.

A. For Women

1. Give the total number of adult women in the congregation. 383

2. Give the number of organizations for adult women. 3

3. Give the total active membership of all these organizations. 181

B. For Men

1. Give the total number of adult men in the congregation. 127

2. Give the number of organizations for adult men. 2

3. Give the total membership of all these organizations. 35

C. For Men and Women

1. Give the number of organizations for men and women. 1

2. Give the total active membership of all these organizations. 443

D. For Girls in:	grade school	junior high	high school
1. Total number of girls			
2. Number of organizations			
3. Total active membership			

E. For Boys in:	grade school	junior high	high school
1. Total number of boys			
2. Number of organizations			
3. Total active membership			

F. For Youth in:	grade school	junior high	high school
1. Number of organizations			
2. Total active membership			

N.B. Please make a separate report for each individual organization, using the format on the following pages.

VIII. REPORT FOR INDIVIDUAL ORGANIZATION

A. Name Women of Holy Trinity - Day Group
Total ~~active~~ members 75 Average attendance at meetings 40-45
Number of meetings each month one Day and time of meetings Second Thursday October thru May. Lunch - 1 o'clock

B. Why does this organization exist?
It is dedicated to a fellowship which reaches out to the women of the Church as they worship, work and learn together.

C. From what group in the congregation are the members drawn? Women who are free to attend meetings in the daytime.

D. Describe the worship and the educational program.
Worship - monthly meeting is preceded by Celebration of Holy Communion in the Church. Short devotional period included in monthly meetings. A Prayer Group held Thursdays thru the year. Our educational program presents qualified speakers on missionary work at home and overseas, Church work for the Blind, Children's Centre, Epis. Com. Services - Lenten meditation - projects accomplished thru U.J.O. gifts.

E. Describe the other activities of the organization.
Community and Social Service Committee members visit Home for Crippled Children, gifts to and interest in several Settlement Houses; an active group sewing for missions; Children in the wards at Philadelphia Hospital, gladdened by treats and parties throughout the year, and gifts at Christmas. Flowering plants, fruit and delicacies to Shut-ins of Parish as well as gifts to needy in Parish, at Christmas and Easter.

F. What are the major opportunities and problems of this organization?
The opportunities and problems which confront all organizations.

G. What can be done for greater effectiveness?
Awaken more Church women to participation in the work which confronts all Christians.

Signed by: Mrs. George Eyre Smith Title: President Women of Holy Trinity, Day Group.

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VIII. REPORT FOR INDIVIDUAL ORGANIZATION

A. Name _____

Total active members _____ Average attendance at meetings _____

Number of meetings each month one. Day and time of meetings _____

B. Why does this organization exist?

C. From what group in the congregation are the members drawn?

D. Describe the worship and the educational program.

E. Describe the other activities of the organization.

F. What are the major opportunities and problems of this organization?

G. What can be done for greater effectiveness?

Signed by: Marguerite Sidley Title: President (1962-63) (1963-64)

VIII. REPORT FOR INDIVIDUAL ORGANIZATION

A. Name Trinity Club
Total active members 400 Average attendance at meetings 60-100
Number of meetings each month 4-5 Day and time of meetings Sun., 5:45-10:00

B. Why does this organization exist?
An interdenominational and interracial Christian fellowship of young adults, to serve the spiritual, intellectual, service and social needs of its members.

C. From what group in the congregation are the members drawn? Young adults, 19-39 years of age, primarily single. Being interdenominational the majority of members are from outside the parish.

D. Describe the worship and the educational program.
Worship: Evening Prayer & Service each Sunday. Quiet days and retreats. Other special services.
Educational: Weekly speakers Sept. thru May. 3-4 weekly seminars during year. One week-end study conference.

E. Describe the other activities of the organization.
Service: Weekly visits to two children's hospitals and one home for the aged.
Social: Arranged activities throughout year, particularly week-end trips and programs during summer months.

F. What are the major opportunities and problems of this organization?
To serve young adults who are working in Phila. in career or professional jobs, especially providing fellowship for newcomers.
Problems: Constantly changing membership; increasing participation in all aspects of program; interesting those who attend only 1-2 times.

G. What can be done for greater effectiveness?
Implementing the talents and abilities involved in personnel in definite areas of Christian witness and activities more effectively.
Possibility of ecumenical relations, particularly of the Center City Churches, to which members of the group belong.

Signed by: Frederick A. Leeman Title: Advisor of Trinity Club.

Note: There is a Phillips Brooks Club composed of alumni couples of Trinity Club who meet about nine times a year for social affairs in homes of members, primarily to maintain Trinity Club friendships.

IX. CLERGY OR LAY READERS IN CHARGE SINCE 1930

NAME	APPROX. AGE AT START OF MINISTRY HERE	PERIOD OF TENURE	MOVED TO:
Floyd Tomkins	49	33 yrs.	Deceased
Howard Robert Weir		4 "	Deceased
F. Frank Salmon		12 "	Retired
Harry S. Longley	50	10 "	Retired
Cuthbert Pratt	45		

A. Does the present minister live in the neighborhood? Yes

Does he give full time to this church? Yes If not, what other church(es) does he serve, or what other work does he do?

B. How many people from this parish have gone into full time work for the church within the past ten years, or are now studying for such work? _____ Please give details.

One young man from this congregation has entered the ministry; two more are currently attending seminaries.

C. How many licensed lay readers serve the congregation now? _____

Do any lay readers from this congregation serve other congregations? _____

If so, which congregations? _____

X. FINANCE

A. Income (Last Full Year): (1) Pledges $ 64,620 (2) Plate offerings $ 5,257 (3) Parish or mission organizations $ - (4) Endowments $ 38,513 (5) Special fund drives $ - (6) Other (please specify) $ 15,313

Easter and Christmas $2,826; Interest and Dividends $1,280; Radio Contributions $7,394; Miscellaneous $3,813.

B. Disbursements		1940	1945	1950	1955	1960	Last Full Year
Total current expenses					$96,041.	$99,029.	$123,704.
Diocesan Assessment					2,364.	2,421.	2,174.
Missionary Disbursements					10,643.	10,090.	10,000.
Special parish expense							
Clergy salary or salaries: from congregation	a)				17,958.	16,321.	20,545.
	b)						
from other sources	a)						
	b)						

Rental value of the rectory $ Apartments leased

Is the church in debt? No Amount of debt $ _____ Method of repayment _____

Finance (cont'd)

7. Is a thorough Every Member Canvass conducted each year? Yes

If yes, by mail or personal solicitation? Solicitation Describe the training of the canvassers. One evening of personal instructions three nights before canvass plus varied pieces of campaign literature and instructions.

8. What other means of fund raising or stewardship education are used? Church broadcasts services every Sunday morning. Radio carried Rector's appeal as it is given to regular congregation.

9. If this is a mission or aided parish, what is the potential for self-support? Not applicable

10. Additional comments or information on finances:

C. Travel:

1. Does the priest have a car? No
2. By whom is the car purchased? Priest ____ Congregation x Diocese ____
3. How much is the annual operating expense of the car, omitting depreciation? $ $440. 4. By whom is the operating expense paid? General Fund.
5. How much does the local congregation pay? 100%
6. Average number of miles traveled per month on church business 400

XI. CHRISTIAN EVANGELISM AND VISITATION

A. Clergy pastoral calling during the past year by rector or vicar:*

TYPE OF CALL	NUMBER OF CALLS PER WEEK LOW	AVERAGE	HIGH
1. Family or routine parish	___	___	___
2. Sick or emergency	___	___	___
3. Calls for other purposes	___	___	___

4. Time set aside for pastoral calling:

5. How do the clergy organize their parish calling? Each has a special book and a set of zone sheets.

6. How do the clergy organize their calling on the unchurched and newcomers? All contacts made especially via services are followed up in writing in the week and response is made at once to replies. This is also true for the radio ministry response.

7. Time spent in pastoral counseling (average hours per week) This depends on the nature of call contacts - as little as 2 hrs. as many as 20.

* Please give similar information, separately, for other clergy.

B. Lay calling:

1. Describe the Zone or Neighborhood Organization. This is basically a sick call program for the parish and a membership follow up plan for Trinity Club - again supplemented by radio ministry response demands.

2. Describe the program of lay pastoral visitation, including the number of participants and the time spent.
Sick call contacts - hospital and home visits - about 10 involved follow up runs from food and clothing supplies to medical care, etc.

3. **Describe the program of lay evangelism (including the congregation's approach to newcomers and to the unchurched), giving the number of participants and the amount of time.** In-Church Welcome - Address and data secured and forwarded - prospect evaluations time spent as required - varies throughout the year.

4. **How are newcomers integrated into the life of this congregation?** Via all church groups - study programs - Trinity Club if eligible agewise (19-39) Calls and contacts - service and support opportunities

5. **Describe any religious census of the area made by the congregation itself or with other churches during the last ten years.** Full participation of all bodies not being secured, it was abondoned.

XII. COMMUNICATIONS

A. **What use is made of the press?** Advertising in two main newspapers in Philadelphia; plus publication of local area; notices sent to papers of special services, events., etc. plus Church press, articles.

B. **What use is made of radio and/or television?** the 11 a.m. Service is broadcast over WIP every Sunday morning., - 44 years of broadcasting. Have responded to all other invitations and opportunities.

C. **What use is made of the U.S. Mail?** Weekly mailings, with all kinds of inserts.

D. **Describe the regular publications which are mailed or distributed, including Sunday bulletins, parish newsletters, etc.** leaflets, pamphlets of interest, messages from clergy, notices of all meetings. plus most releases from #815 Second Ave., local, civic and health items, etc.

E. **How many** church road signs are there? 3

XIII. NEIGHBORHOOD OR COMMUNITY

A. Is this congregation community-minded? Yes. and also thinks of the whole area as one from which other 'congregation groups' can be gathered.

B. Describe the clergy participation in community affairs. We try never to say 'No'. Center City Church United Witness - Church Council - P.P.

C. Describe the participation of the congregation in community affairs.

Via individual members - this covers just about everything from service clubs to response to appeals, etc.

D. Describe the general parish program for the community (including such church-sponsored programs as Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, etc.):

We are continually being surveyed space-wise for these concerns. Our location, many covet. Whenever possible we respond A.A.,D.B.E., World War I Nurses, Needlework Guild, see further below.

E. List community organizations using the parish hall and its facilities:

A.A. Chapter, 2 D.B.E. groups, Church groups of the Diocese- conventions and convention services, Eastern Star, Organists' Guild, Etc.

F. Describe the way in which the congregation cooperates with other religious bodies:

United Lenten Services (Baptist-Presbyterian-Lutheran - P.E.C.USA) Southern Convocation - Council of Churches - local and federal, also world-wide - Preachers exchanges - B.S.A. - student work - nursing services.

XV. STAFF

A. List all paid personnel working for this congregation, giving title, function, and salary, and telling whether full or part-time.

Rector (15,000.) Full

Associate Rector (5,000.) full

Organist and Choirmaster (5,200.)

Choir (10,000.)

Secretary (5,200.) full Office

Assistant Secretary (2,760.) part-time

Sexton (4,550.)

Part-time Sexton (12. per day)

Lady who cares for all vestments, altar linens, repairing, etc. (900.) part-time

B. Describe the use of volunteer personnel by this congregation.

Volunteers come in and prepare weekly mailing of leaflets; at various times help is given in the office .

XVI. FUTURE POLICY, PROGRAM, AND BUDGET

A. In adopting a policy for an expanded program for this congregation, in order to vitalize its Christian witness to the community; to extend its outreach of Christian fellowship to all the unchurched; to increase initiative and responsibility for all members of the congregation; to develop local financial resources with a view towards self-support and parochial status (if not already attained); and to further other essential advances, what are the immediate needs as to:

1. Personnel: At least one more clergyman and secretary
   Better quality in maintenance personnell

2. Buildings: Complete renovation and upgrading. Should the Diocese of Pennsylvania stay on the Square, possible new and united Office Parish House Building. New dishwashers.

3. Equipment: Continual upgrading for best service
   Kitchen improvements.

B. What are the major opportunities that face this congregation?

With urban redevelopement,a new chance for a better age spread in the congregation - the outreach possibility of an 'in the home ministry' - need for at least one weekly T.V. spot of at least half an hour.

C. What are the major problems that face this congregation?

Age and age problems of the present congregation. No Sunday School. Strict financial limitations as to what might be secured from older people.

D. What program needs seem evident on the basis of this Study?

Expanded adult education. Visitation Witness plans

E. What would be the approximate capital cost to meet these needs?

A 100% increase via a capital fund drive and budget.

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Rittenhouse Square
Philadelphia 3, Pa.

F. What would be the annual operating budget to maintain the program?

This should move over a period of time to a 100% increase.

G. What steps are now being taken locally to meet these needs and opportunities?

All steps and considerations are tied to funds and personnel.

H. What steps are now being taken by the diocese or district, or might be taken, to assist in meeting these needs and opportunities?

Most of this hinges on whatever is to be reported as a result of the Bishop's survey of the Diocese now in process.

I. Further data or comment on the general needs and problems of this congregation:

As indicated above, all are linked to lack of youth - aged/fund kind for many of the people - need for expanded contacts, etc.

The data in this report were furnished by the following committee:

NAME	OCCUPATION	NUMBER OF YEARS IN PARISH
William M. West	V.Pres.,Title & Mortgage Co.	Many
Horace Y. Rogers	Accountant	Many
C. C. Morris	Steel Mill Owner	"
Frank B. Murdoch	Lawyer	"
Charles W. H. Bancroft	Retired	"
Austin J. Gaugel	Office Mgr.	10
Holstein DeHaven Fox	Retired Stock Brocker	7
Neale C. Bringhurst	Stock Broker	10
Adm. Jack F. Bowling	RetiredAdmiral	Many
F. R. Goehring	Contr.Engineer	"
Marguerite Sibley	Retired Music Teacher	"

Date completed: November 17, 1964

Others of the Congregation and Trinity Club have been questioned in re: interest and response ever since this survey was begun.

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REPORTED MEMBERSHIP FROM MAPS

It is interesting to note the membership distribution of Holy Trinity Church because, in some respects, it is unusual. Using the census tract data, listed below, we see that some 29% of the members live within the census tract in which the church is located and that approximately 52% of the members live within the parish area. The following chart indicates the distribution of church members.

MEMBERSHIP DISTRIBUTION TABLE

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PARISH PHILADELPHIA HOLY TRINITY

	CENSUS TRACT OR AREA	NUMBER OF MAPPED MEMBERS	PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL MAPPED MEMBERSHIP
	B 47	1	2
	C 1	3	5
	C 2	2	3
	C 22	1	2
	D 83	4	7
	D 87	2	3
	D 4	2	3
	D 8	2	3
	D 11	2	3
	D 13	1	2
	D 14	3	5
	D 18	2	3
	D 21	2	3
	D 28	2	3
	D 35	2	3
	D 38	1	2
	D 39	1	2
	D 73	2	3
	D 75	2	3
	D 96	5	8
	D 97	1	2
	D 98 A	2	3
	M 23	1	2
	M 25	2	3
	M 45	5	8
	M 50	3	5
	M 52	2	3
	M 54	6	10
	M 55	4	7
	M 9 A	1	2
	M 12 A	2	3
	M 21	4	7
	M 56	1	2
	M 101	1	2
	M 102	1	2
	M 104	1	2
	M 105	1	2
	4 B	2	3
	5 A	1	2
	7 A	2	3
	7 C	91	150
	8 A	2	3
	8 B	8	13
	8 C	41	68
X	8 D	176	290
	9 B	18	29
	10 B	8	13
	13 A	1	2
	15 B	13	21
	15 C	1	2
	15 D	5	8
	21 L	6	10
	22 F	1	2
	22 I	1	2
	22 K	1	2

MEMBERSHIP DISTRIBUTION TABLE

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CENSUS TRACT OR AREA	NUMBER OF MAPPED MEMBERS	PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL MAPPED MEMBERSHIP
23B	4	7
24A	2	3
24F	2	3
24I	2	3
27A	2	3
27B	8	13
27C	29	48
27D	3	5
27E	5	8
30B	2	3
32E	1	2
34I	1	2
38A	1	2
38C	3	5
38H	1	2
40B	2	3
40E	4	7
44A	1	2
46A	13	21
46D	1	2
46F	1	2
46G	3	5
46H	8	13
46I	2	3
48A	3	5
48C	2	3
49B	2	3
49G	2	3
50B	1	2
51B	1	2
51C	3	5
51D	2	3
51E	3	5
52A	3	5
52H	4	7
53C	1	2
55C	2	3
57A	1	2
57B	2	3
58K	2	3
59B	1	2
59F	5	8
59G	1	2
59H	2	3
59I	1	2
590	1	2
59Q	1	2
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REPORTED MEMBERSHIP AND FINANCIAL DATA FROM JOURNALS

The baptized membership of Holy Trinity Church has shown a steady loss since 1940. In 1940 there were 1,015 baptized members but by 1963 this number had decreased to 631, or by 384 persons. Communicant strength decreased from 896 to 610, or by 286 persons.

The membership of Holy Trinity has remained stable during the three-year period of 1961 through 1963, although it was during this period that church school was discontinued due to a lack of children living within the neighborhood. Between 1961 and 1963, a total of 22 persons were baptized and the ratio of baptisms to the communicant strength was 1.2%. There were 29 confirmations during this period and the ratio of confirmations to the combined communicant strength was 1.6%.

During the three-year period 1961 to 1963 the total reported expenditures for this parish were $353,366.00 and of this amount about $40,000.00 was set aside for work outside the parish, making up 11.4% of the reported expenditures.

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VITAL STATISTICS

PARISH HOLY TRINITY TOWN PHILADELPHIA

COUNTY PHILADELPHIA DIOCESE PENNSYLVANIA

	1940	1945	1950	1955	1960	1961	1962	1963
Baptized Members	1,015	947	791	640	651	636	637	631
Communicants	896	947	761	609	640	612	618	610
Church School	118	44	NR	34	107	143	–	–
Baptisms	18	12	15	13	6	12	4	6
Percentage of Communicants	2.0	1.3	2.0	2.1	0.9	2.0	0.6	1.0
Confirmations	16	15	20	22	11	15	9	5
Percentage of Communicants	1.8	1.6	2.6	3.6	1.7	2.5	1.5	0.8
Parochial Expenditures 1	38,930	42,278	38,156	64,240	73,083	85,011	75.181	70.030
Special Par. Expenditures 2	35,999	159,717	61,601	23,378	12,373	21,271	30.361	31.007
Extra-parochial Expenditures 3	8,663	13,202	14,661	15,184	10,033	10,505	20.000	10.000
Total Reported Expenditures	83,592	215,197	113,818	102,802	95,489	116,787	125,542	111,037
Expenditures per Communicant	93.29	227.24	149.56	168.80	149.20	190.83	203.14	182.03
Extra-parochial Expenditures per Communicant	9.67	13.94	18.48	24.93	15.68	17.17	32.36	16.39

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1 Includes clergy salary, current expense, pension premium, and Diocesan assessment.

2 Special parish purposes, including capital expenditures.

3 Includes Church's Program, special outside.

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DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

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The history of Holy Trinity Church, as contained in the book, "A 100 YEARS IN HIS HOUSE" by Marguŕite Aspinwall is an inspired account of the ministry and mission of Holy Trinity parish from 1857 to 1957. Throughout its long history, clergy and laity have seized opportunities to be of service to church and community. During the past half-century the community area served by Holy Trinity Church has undergone many changes. Almost every type of dwelling and occupation may be found in the census tracts served by Holy Trinity Church: downtown commercial, light industrial, apartment dwellings, rooming houses, single-home dwellings, and military uses, are just a few of the characteristics listed in this report.

Several interesting facts about Holy Trinity stand out in the report and should be noted before recommendations and suggestions are considered.

The membership distribution map reveals a remarkably high percentage of church members within the census tracts arbitrarily selected as the parish area served by the church and the distribution will be carefully defined in another section of our Study. In addition to Holy Trinity, four other Episcopal congregations serve the same area. Some 33% of the Episcopalians in the parish area are members of Holy Trinity Church and 52% of all the members in Holy Trinity live within this carefully selected parish area.

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The Episcopal Census, one of the important phases of this Survey, was completed by only 51% of the baptized membership. Ordinarily, because of the small percentage covered, we would not include comment in our Study. It is not known how accurate a cross section this represents. The totals are subject to sampling variability and the figures are subject to errors of response and non-reporting. Taking all of these into consideration, it is noted that six persons were reported below the age of 20 years, and 70% of all of the church members were adult women. Among those who reported, the largest single-age group was made up of persons between the ages of 60 and 65 years and comprised 19.3% of the baptized members. Since there are so few in the membership below the age of 20 years, Holy Trinity does not have a church school. However, significant programs of adult education were held regularly in the church each week and this program accelerates during the season of Lent. In the community area served by Holy Trinity, the percentage of children and young persons below the age of 14 years was only a fraction of the percentage recorded for the population of the county as a whole.

Some 141 families and 342 individuals not in families were reported for a total of approximately 605 persons (map count figure). Or, we may estimate that 56% of the membership is made up of individuals not in family units.

Attendance at all services on Sunday is well above 50% of the baptized strength. What percentage of visitors are numbered in the attendance is not known, but using the raw statistics as they are listed it is seen that the participation levels are considerably above those of the diocese as a whole.

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Church services are broadcast every Sunday, a program spanning some 45 years, and reaching a large and scattered audience.

The church is centrally located and both the church and parish hall facilities are in use by church groups of the diocese and community-betterment organizations.

The parish area served by Holy Trinity Church is in process of undergoing significant changes in re-development, and Holy Trinity faces its opportunity for mission in the following quotation from its history "whatever the physical changes in our city, around our square, and in the stone and mortar building of the church itself, the faith, courage, and will to work of the first congregation of 1857 will continue to be woven into the pattern of our parish life."

In over 100 years of history Holy Trinity Church has been reforming itself for a ministry to changing times and human need. Fortunately, at this time in its history, Holy Trinity Church is not tied down by a large number of parish organizations and is in a position to initiate small groups for Bible Study, discussion, prayer, and assignment visitations. If Holy Trinity Church is to realize its full potential, small parish groups should be considered. These groups could function out of the places in which the members live rather than at the church itself, with the clergy assisting the laity in their efforts to serve God in the places where they live and work. The community of Philadelphia, and especially its downtown area, is undergoing a period of rapid physical and social change. More and more of the laity of Holy Trinity should be encouraged to share in the active ministry of witnessing

and reconcilation. It has been natural to regard Holy Trinity as a fixed institution, rather than a mobile expedition. At the focal point of thinking about Trinity Church there is the picture of a building, rather than the picture of a company moving out into the world. If, as suggested by the Self-Study report, a third priest is added to the staff it should not in any way interfere with the clergy joining in the common task of releasing the laity for their work of ministry in the world and by assisting them to discover and direct the gifts of ministry that surely exist in this congregation.

The radio voice of Holy Trinity should play its share in a laity reforming and regrouping for its full share of ministry to Greater Metropolitan Philadelphia. The possibilities of forming small groups for Bible Study, discussion and prayer should be a definite part of the radio ministry. A third priest on the staff of Holy Trinity might make the development of such an area-wide program possible. Once under way, a monthly or quarterly radio program with parish group leaders sharing sessions should be considered.

Under the best of circumstances it is impossible to provide adequate pastoral calling for a congregation reporting (on our sample 51% of membership survey) a median age of 61 years. Many persons are hospitalized, in rest homes, or lonely because of the death of a partner, requiring a great amount of time to be set aside for pastoral calling. Some parishioners assist the clergy in this program of parish visitation but more should be included.

Five Episcopal congregations serve this parish area and share many problems and opportunities in common. Wardens and clergy of these congregations

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should meet from time-time, preferably with the Bishop presiding, to share concern, plan cooperatively, discuss ways of helping each other in terms of better management, to witness in the world around them, to unite for training, discussion, fellowship and community action.

The parish Self-Study group believes there is a need for "continual up-grading" of parish equipment. There is wisdom in this statement because it is good management to keep equipment up-to-date and modernized. In the same report, and related to this, is the expectation that new young families will be moving back to the neighborhoods around Holy Trinity Church. Church planners and research people have observed in suburbia that newcomers tend to affiliate with new churches, that is new church buildings. Holy Trinity, by a continuing program of modernization and up-grading of its facilities is already engaged in changing its image.